

as their positions indicate. The Giants have a fine ball team, composed of equal parts of attack, pitching and fighting spirit. Boston is good, but the Phils do not look as good as last year and Brooklyn is only an average ball team away above where it belongs.

Tinker is still not satisfied with his keystone combination. McCarthy has recently played very good ball, but Mike Doolan, though his fielding has materially improved, is not hitting as a big league regular should. No healthy mark is needed for Mike, considering the swat strength of the remaining members of the cast, but every regular should be good for a bit of help in runmaking.

The outfield combination is good, with Mann a capable alternate for any of the left-handed batters who are bothered by southpaw shoots. So far Leslie has been doing extra work for Schulte, but he can also do in for Flack in case the latter has trouble.

Slim Salles completely baffled the Cubs in the first game, allowing five hits, three going to Archer. In the second Steele, another southpaw, was soft, while Jim Vaughn pitched winning ball every step. Archer got three singles and two doubles during the day. Cy Williams poled a homer in the second engagement.

Two wins today against the Cards would send the Cubs east within reaching distance of a fifty-fifty mark and safely out of the clutches of the other western teams who are populating the second division.

Jack Ness since joining the White Sox has proved himself a valuable man. His hitting has been clean and forceful, the large majority of his bingles coming in the pinches. Yesterday in the Tiger double-header Jack poked three hits, one in the forenoon battle and two in the after-piece. Each of the blows counted in the scoring.

Having done these few bits of excellent work, one expert has come

to the conclusion that "no doubt he will prove a valuable man when southpaws are working against the Sox." Probably if Ness should tear off a few homers and bat around .800 there might be a suspicion that he is entitled to a first-base berth when there was no one else to fill it.

At present Ness lacks training and has not the speed he will have later in the season. The few weeks he was out of the game were disastrous, ruining all the advantage he gained from the spring trip with the South Siders. In the first game a pinch runner was put on for him in the eighth and in the second battle Fournier ran for him in the ninth.

Then Fournier went to first base after scoring on a triple by Jackson. He promptly proceeded to drop a perfect throw on the first Detroit batter and opened the way for the Tigers to rally and count three times, tying the score. Without this error the Tigers would probably have been licked in regulation time.

The double bill exhibited Jackson, Ed Collins and McMullin as hitters once more, able to bang the pill in the pinch and make a flock of runs. They actually succeeded in whaling a southpaw, and the victim was Earl Hamilton, just purchased by Detroit from St. Louis.

Sox have a session with Detroit again today.

Al Demaree broke winning streak of Giants, who revenged themselves on Alexander in afternoon. Doyle got four hits in first fight. Cravath, Merkle and Fletcher hit homers during the day.

Pirates outslugged Reds. Thirty-three athletes, including six pitchers, were in the game.

Tyler and Sherrod Smith were the winning pitchers in split between Braves and Dodgers.

Klepfer and Plank rescued Covaleskie and Davenport and the veteran southpaw was more effective, the Browns copping in 15th. Second game was duel between Bagby and